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***Response Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.116***

This response is in reply to the final office action of 4 June 2007. As the present response is being filed within the three month shortened statutory period for response, no extension of time is believed necessary. Applicants, however, conditionally petition for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such an extension has been inadvertently overlooked.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and request reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application in view of the following:

- Amendments to the Specification beginning on page 2 of this paper; and
- Amendments to the Claims, beginning on page 19 of this paper; and
- Remarks, beginning on page 30 of this paper.